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THE PROCEEDINGS AT HARTFORD IN Hartford-ſhire,

On *Monday* and *Tueſday*, being the 23*d.* and 24*th.* days of *July*, 1688.

AT the *Aſſizes* Held at *Hertford* on *Monday* and *Tueſday*, being the 23*d.* and 24*th.* days of *July*, 1688. the Commiſſion was read before Sir *Richard Allibon* Kt. one of His *Majeſties* Juſtices of the Court of *King's-Bench*, and the Grand Jury Sworn; it was to proceed to deliver the ſaid County of the Priſoners therein.

Nicholas Marſhal,	*Thomas Gutteridge*,
John Baldwin,	*Thomas Crawley*,
John Sell,	*Thomas Raymond*,
Walter Cooke,	*Solomon Pratt*,
Samuel Holland,	*James Jackſon*,
John Worſley,	*Henry Baker*.

The Tryals of the Priſoners were as follows.

John Norris and *Philamon Bonniſs* both lately of the Pariſh of *Biſhops Hatfield*, were Indicted for that they the 29*th.* day of *June* laſt in the ſame Pariſh, did Rob one *John Medcalfe* on the High-way, and took from him a Whip, one Linnen Cap, and 3 *l.* in Money; the mature of the Evidence was ſuch, Mr. *Medcalfe* returning to St. *Albans*, met in his way a Carrier's man and acquainted him with his Misfortune of being Robbid, and in the mean time paſſed by the very Men that committed the Robbery, who were immediately followed by the Carrier's man, and ſeen to go into an Inn at St. *Albans*; and the Conſtable being ſent for, Apprehended them, and found the Whip and Cap in the ſame Room with them, and a Vizard Mask in one of their Pockets: Mr. *Medcalfe* Swore that he knew their Faces, and they were both found Guilty of Felony and Robery.

Ann Dale of the Pariſh of *Sabridgworth*, Spinſter, was Indicted for the Murther of her Male Baſtard Child, on the 28*th.* day of *April* laſt. This great Crime was laid to her Charge upon this account, that a Child being found in a Pond near the Houſe where the Priſoner lived with its Throat Cut, all the Servants of the Family upon this Allarm, were very ready to ſee the Child, but the Priſoner when ſhe was with great difficulty perſwaded to it, appeared to be under a great Diſtraction. Several of her fellow-Servants depoſed that they had obſerved her to be bigger than ordinary before the Child was ſuppoſed to be Born, and at that time to be ſo Sick that ſhe kept her Chamber. She did not poſitively deny the Fact upon her Examination, but on her Tryal inſiſted upon her Innocency, and the Jury Acquitted her, the Proof not being clear enough that ſhe had any ſuch Child.

Joſeph

Joſeph Jackſon of the Pariſh of *All Saints* in *Hartford*, was Tryed for the Murther of one *William Kentiſh*: Moſt of the Evidence conſiſted of what the party ſlain ſaid before he Died; he was heard to ſay that the Priſoner had ſtruck him and that he ſhould never recover it. The Chirurgeon that viewed him ſaid he found no Bruiſe about him when Dead, and did believe that he died a Natural Death by the Providence of God; and ſo the Priſoner for want of further Evidence, and upon this Affirmation of the Chirurgeon, was Acquitted.

Suſan Barber alias *Crane* of the Pariſh of *Buntingford*, was Indicted for the Murther of a Female Baſtard Child about five years agoe: *Sarah Dew* a Witneſs for the King, proved that about the time in the Indictment laid, the Priſoner brought a dead Female Child to her, telling her that ſhe was Delivered of a Child three Months before its time, and ſo it appeared to the ſaid Witneſs, and ſo ſhe not endeavouring to Conceal the Child, ſhe was Acquitted.

Suſan Anſell of *Ware* in the ſaid County, was Arraigned for ſtealing feloniouſly from one *Tho. Griper*, one Crape Gown and Serge Petticoat, both amounting to the value of 20*s*. One Witneſs proved that ſhe had ſuch Goods in her cuſtody; but the party from whom the Goods were ſtolen being a Quaker, and refuſing to Swear, the Priſoner was Acquitted for want of Evidence.

Lawrence Haſledoom was twice Indicted for Burning the Houſes of *Daniel Flindon* and *Bridget Anſell*, both in the Pariſh of *Ikleford*; he confeſſed the ſeveral Facts before ſeveral Perſons, and a ſharp Iron Rod was produced in Court, with which he confeſſed he had thruſt Touch-wood into the Thatch wrapt in Paper; but the Court and Jury believing the Priſoner to be of Imperfect memory, both at that time and ever ſince, he was Acquitted, and left in Goal to be taken care of by the Juſtices of Peace at their next Quarter Seſſions.

Samuel Mead and *Jane* his Wife both of the pariſh of *Stondon*, were Indicted for the Murther of one *Joan Coale*, an Infant, which the ſaid *Mead* was ſuppoſed to have Begotten on the Body of one *Jane Cole*. The Priſoners appeared to be of indifferent good Faſhion, and therefore ſuffered not the Child to be kept by the Pariſh, but provided a Nurſe themſelves, and the Child Dying quickly, they were accuſed of the Murther, but were both without much ſuſpicion, Acquitted.

The Tryals being over, the Court proceeded to give Judgment as follows, *viz*.

2 Received Sentence of **Death** viz.

John Norris,
Philemon Baines,

Several old Convicts pleaded His *Majeſties* Gratious Pardon, under condition of Tranſportation, *viz*.

George Marſhall,
Marjory Roberts,
William Harriſon.

And ſo the Court Adjourned.

The Proceedings at *Brentwood* in the County of *Eſſex*, on *Wedneſday*, and *Thurſday*, being the 25*th*. and 26*th*. days of *July*. 1688.

AT the *Aſſizes* held at *Brentwood* in *Eſſex*, on *Wedneſday* and *Thurſday*, being the 25*th*. and 26*th*. days of *July*, 1688. the Commiſſion was read before Sir *Thomas Street* Kt. one of His *Majeſties* Juſtices of His Court of *Common-pleas*, and the Jury was Sworn whoſe Names follow.

Wignol Gilman,	*Bartholomew Tidy*,
Stephen Winſton,	*Willliam Dale*,
Daniel Hamm,	*William Francis*,
Hugh Petsky,	*John Horner*,
Anthony Lotwiske,	*William Shambroke*,
John Sharp,	*John Debney*.

The Tryals of the Priſoners were as follows.

Robert Peirce was Indicted, for that he in the Pariſh of *Chinckford*, did Feloniouſly, Traiterouſly, and of his Malice afore thought, Kill and Murther one *Richard Hemings* his Maſter. It appear'd that *Hemings* the Maſter who is Slain, refuſed to give leave to the Priſoner his Servant to go to *London* to buy new Cloaths, and the Servant giving ſome ſawcy words, the Maſter corrected him by ſtriking him, and thereupon the

the Servant disarm'd his Master, and so they fell to Fighting, and were parted by some that saw the Scuffle; but the Master after he had called help returned with a very large Stick in his hand, and the Servant catch'd up another that lay by him; the Master then struck at the Man very violently, and the Servant being so provoked, struck his Master upon the Head, of which stroak he Died; and this matter being given in Evidence by all the Witnesses, the Prisoner was found guilty of Manslaughter.

John Cole alias *Alsop*, alias *Sheppard*, and *John Fisher*, were both Indicted for Breaking open the house of *Robert Harvey* Esq; in the Night, at *Low Layton* in the County of *Essex*, on the 24*th*. of *March* last, and taking thence one silver Comb box, value 10 *l*. one silver Salt-sellar, value 13 *l*. two round silver Boxes, value 10 *l*. three silver Cassors, value 12 *l*. one Gold Ring with a Table Diamond inclosed, value 3 *l*. and other Goods, in all to the value of 156 *l*. 19 *s* and 20 *l*. in Money. Two of the Witnesses positively Swore they saw *Cole* in their several Chambers, and one of them was forced by him to rise and go about the House with him, to shew where the Booty lay, and that at the Stair-foot his Mask fell off, so that his Face might be easily discerned by the light of the Candle; and some broken pieces of Plate were found about *Fisher* the other Prisoner, which one of the Witnesses verily believed to be part of Mr. *Harvey*'s Comb box, from some Stains she had formerly observed in it: She likewise affirmed, she did verily believe him to be one of them that Robb'd the House, but she could not swear positively to it: But it appearing that *Cole* did usually lye at *Fisher*'s House, it might possibly be, that *Fisher* might only receive the broken pieces of Silver from *Coale*; so that the Jury brought in *Cole* only Guilty of the Burglary, and Acquitted *Fisher*.

John Cole alias *Sheppard*, was likewise Indicted for Feloniously stealing one Gray Gelding, value 8 *l*. and one Mare, value 4 *l*. from one *Richard Berry*: This Felony was likewise plainly proved upon him, and he was found Guilty.

Charlewood, *Richard Stroud*, and *Richard Thomas*, were all three Indicted for Felony and Burglary, in breaking the House of one *Robert Lewis* of *Stebbing* in the Night, on the 26*th*. of *June*, and taking thence Money and Goods to the value of 19 *l*. Several of the Goods laid in the Indictment, were found about the Prisoners, but *Lewis* being a Quaker, did refuse to Swear, and no body else could prove those Goods to have been his Goods, and therefore the Prisoners were found not Guilty.

Thomas Newcomb was Indicted for stealing Feloniously one silver Cup, value 30 *s*. in the Parish of *Carringham*, from one *Wood*, who kept an Ale-house, and the Prisoner coming to Drink there, conveyed privately the Cup, as 'tis thought into his Breeches, which was missed immediately, as soon as he was gone out of the House; and the Prisoner was proved to have pawned the same Cup to a Broker, and so was found Guilty.

Martha Wood was Indicted for Murther, and Concealing the Death of her Female Bastard Child, on the 20*th*. day of *March* last: The Evidence was thus, she had been observed to have been bigger than ordinary about her Middle, and of a sudden to grow less; and she being so suspected, was Searched by a Midwife, who found Milk in her Breasts; and then being asked to discover where she had laid her Child, she presently discovered the Place, which was in a Chamber where she was Delivered about three days before, in an old Lodge in a Gentleman's Park, and there cover'd it with Hay: And so the Prisoner not being able to Prove that the Child was Born Dead, or that she called Help at her Labour, but on the contrary, concealed all the matter, she was found Guilty by the Jury.

Mary Portway of the Parish of *South-hannington*, was Indicted for Murthering of her Female Bastard Child, and concealing it, on the 9*th*. day of *June* last; the Prisoner though she was much mistrusted, never discover'd that she had any such Child, till it was found out by the Stench, and then she alledged that she was Delivered in the Yard belonging to the House where she Dwelt; and that it was Dead, and so she hid it: The Witnesses proved the Child to the best of their apprehention, to have been of full Growth, or near it; and she proving nothing of its being Born Dead, was likewise found Guilty.

William Saffold was three several times Indicted of several Felonies, and confessed them all, and all others within Clergy; being demanded why the Court should not proceed to Judgment, and thereupon award Execution of Death against him, he prayed the benefit of his Book; but the *Ordinary* putting him to read out of the common Place, he had not his Lesson without Book, and so 'twas return'd that he could not Read, and the Court gave Sentence of Death against him, but did Reprieve him afterwards for Transportation.

Thomas Davis and *Thomas Daviſon* were Indicted for ſtealing one Mare coloured Gray, value 6 *l.* and one Gelding colour'd Bay, value 4 *l.* of a Perſon unknown. No Evidence could certainly prove that they were ſtolen, and therefore they were found Not Guilty.

Ann Dixon of the Pariſh of *Weſt Tilbury*, was Indicted for forging a Brief, under the Hand and Seal of *William* Lord Arch-biſhop of *Canterbury*, the 10*th.* day of *June* laſt; ſhe confeſſed the Indictment, but ſaid ſhe was induced to do it by ſome of better underſtanding than her ſelf, who told her there was no hurt in it. She was Sentenced to ſtand in the Pillory.

William Mumford of the Pariſh of *Mucking*, was Indicted for ſtealing three Buſhels of Wheat, from one *Sarah Edwards* of the value of 3 *s.* 6 *d.* The Wheat was found upon him, and he found Guilty.

The Tryals being over, the Court proceeded to give Judgment as follows.

3 Received Sentence of **Death** *viz.*

John Cole alias *Aſop*,
alias *Sheppard*,
Mary Portway,
Martha Wood,

William Saffold, To be Tranſported.

3 were **Burnt in the Hand**, viz.

Robert Peirce,
Thomas Newcomb,
William Mumford.

Ann Dixon was Sentenced to be ſet upon the Pillory for two Hours, at *Chelmsford*.

Theſe ſeveral Priſoners under named pleaded His Majeſties Moſt Gracious Pardon, under condition of Tranſportation, *viz.*

Daniel Caſter,
Mary Tye,
Thomas Playn,
alias *Pagden*,
Richard Price.

2 were **Pardoned Abſolutely**, *viz.*

Ambroſe Holland,
Tobit Bedford.

And ſo the Court Adjourned.

The Proceedings at *Croydon*, in the County of *Surry*, on *Monday*, *Tueſday*, and *Wedneſday*, being the 30*th.* 31*ſt.* days of *July*, and 1*ſt.* of *Auguſt*, 1688.

AT the *Aſſizes* held at *Croydon* in *Surrey*, on *Monday*, *Tueſday*, and *Wedneſday*, being the 30*th.* 31*ſt.* of *July*, and 1*ſt.* of *Auguſt*, 1688. the Commiſſion was read before Sir *Richard Allikon* Kt. and the Jury was Sworn, which were,

John Theobald	*John Kidgell*
Thomas Smith	*Thomas Smith*
Daniel King	*Joſeph Story*
John Dakins	*William Ellis*
Thomas Strong	*Thomas Hovil*
John Francklyn	*Daniel Hoſtins.*

The Tryals of the Priſoners were as follow.

Owen Moriarty late of the Pariſh of *Lambeth*, was Indicted for Murthering one *Thomas Carey*, the fifth day of *June* laſt. It appeared that the Priſoner and the Deceaſed fell out, and ſeveral angry words paſſed betwixt them in the Lord of *Canterbury*'s Palace; *Moriarty* thereupon went into the Church-yard and drew his Sword, but *Carey* not following, he return'd, and more words paſſed; and then *Carey* ſaid, if they muſt Fight, it would be convenient to go into the Field, and accordingly they immediately went and Fought; ſeveral followed them and ſtood near, not daring to part them, and after ſome time the Priſoner's Sword was broke, but he had firſt given the Deceaſed his Deaths Wound. Upon the Evidence he was found guilty of Manſlaughter.

Peter Heaſey was Indicted of Felony, for ſtealing Goods to the value of 10 *l.* 10 *s.* on the 8*th* of *March*, in the 2*d.* year of this King, from Mr. *Francis Stone*: The Priſoner upon his Examination confeſſed ſome of the Goods to be by him taken, before the Juſtice of Peace, and Mr. *Stone* went to the Broker where the Goods were Pawn'd or Sold, and there found them; but all the Goods being not found upon him, he was found guilty to the value of 10 *d.* only.

Lawrence Crockford, *William Price*, *John Morey*, *Nathaniel Lee*, *William Probert* and *Thomas Emerſon*, were Indicted of Felony and Burglary,

Burglary, committed in the Houſe of one *Judith Parrat*, the 15*th.* of *June* laſt, and ſtealing Goods to the value of 20 *l.* or thereabout: The Proof was very ſhort, for all that appear'd againſt them was that *Morey*'s Wife brought ſeveral of the Goods to the Houſe of one *Drinkwater*; and *Crockford* confeſſed ſome of the Priſoners brought ſome of the Goods to his Houſe: But no Evidence being given of Breaking the Houſe, and what *Morey* ſaid being no Evidence againſt the reſt, they were all Acquitted, none of the Goods being found upon them.

Matthew Eldridge Indicted of Felony, for ſtealing 3 *l.* in Money from *Ruth Dines*, the 26*th.* of *May* laſt; the Money loſt was the new Mill'd Coin, and ſuch Money was found upon the Priſoner by *Dines* her Father, which he thought to be his Daughters: But no particular mark being upon it, he could not Swear poſitively it was his Daughters, ſo the Priſoner was Acquitted

The ſame *Matthew Eldridge* was Indicted of Burglary, for Breaking the Houſe of *Timothy Wilſon* in the Night, and Stealing thence Goods to the value of 2 *l.* 8 *s.* and 11 *l.* in Money; the Money was moſt in Crown pieces, ſome of which were found about him; the Priſoner confeſſed to the Proſecutor that he had thoſe pieces out of his Houſe; that he came in at the Window, having firſt broken a Wooden Bar in the middle of the Window. He was found Guilty of Felony and Burglary.

Daniel Wogan and *Philip Mackquire*, were Indicted for a Robbery committed upon *Mary Shaw*, the 20*th.* of *April* laſt paſt, and taking from her one Gold Ring, value 10 *s.* 1 *l.* 12 *s.* in Money: *Shaw* Swore ſhe was Robb'd, but knew not the Perſons. The Ring was offer'd to be pawn'd to one *Nathaniel Skinner*, for 2 *s.* 6 *d.* and was accordingly left with him by *Wogan*: The Perſon that was Robb'd told the Poſey of the Ring before ſhe ſaw it. *Wogan* proved by one Woman that the ſame Ring was offer'd the day before he Pawn'd it to her, to be Pawn'd by another Man; and ſhe being a Woman of ſome Credit, the Jury believed her, and the Priſoners were found not Guilty.

James Hopeway was Indicted for Killing one *Richard Sealy* with his Drawn Sword, the 28*th.* of *May* laſt; the manner was thus, *Faldow* a Soldier and the Priſoner Lodged in the Houſe of one *Price*; and it ſeems the Priſoner took away a Candle that *Faldow* had, and being asked why he took it; he in great heat threw down the Candle, and told *Faldow* that he would Stob him, and preſently went up two or three Steps into his Chamber, and fetch'd down his Sword, and run the ſaid *Richard Sealy*, being in the yard, twice into the Body, whereof he Died; 'twas believed the Priſoner took *Sealy* for *Faldow*, for it appear'd *Sealy* was never in the Houſe, and had never ſeen the Priſoner. He made but a ſmall Defence, and was therefore found guilty of Murther.

John Worrall was Indicted for Feloniouſly ſtealing the Goods of one *Thomas Gardiner* of the value of 10 *l.* 10 *s.* the 31*ſt.* of *May* laſt: He pleaded not Guilty; but upon his Examination he had confeſſed the Fact before the Juſtice of Peace, that he ſtole ſome of the Goods, and likewiſe confeſſed the ſame to the Conſtable who took him, and was found guilty to the value of 10 *d.*

John Bibby and *Edward Haines* were Indicted for a Robbery upon *Thomas Jenkes* at *Clapham* the 31*ſt.* of *May* laſt, and taking from him a ſilver Box and other Goods: *Jenkes* he was Robb'd, and did believe the Priſoners to be the Perſons, but would not ſwear poſitively to the Faces. The ſilver Box was found near the Place where the Priſoners were taken, which was not far from the place where the Robbery was committed, with Strings in their Pockets: But the Evidence conſiſting only in Circumſtances, they were Acquitted.

Jane Feild and *Joſeph Feild* were Indicted for Feloniouſly ſtealing on the 7*th.* of *June*, Goods and Money to the value of 5 *l.* 18 *s.* 6 *d.* from one *Butler Noads*: The Priſoner, as it did appear by the Evidence, was taken into *Noads's* Houſe for a Wet Nurſe, and ſhe abſenting her ſelf from the Houſe, the Proſecutor *Noads* miſſed his Money, and preſently purſued the Priſoner, and took her, but found no Goods or Money about her; but being no body elſe had been in the Houſe, ſhe was greatly miſtruſted, yet for want of Evidence ſhe was Acquitted.

James Ball Indicted of Felony, for ſtealing one Weather Sheep, value 19 *s.* from *Thomas Curd*, the 29*th.* of *May* laſt; the Sheep was firſt taken in *Middleſex* and conveyed over the Water into *Surrey*. One *Rauſon* a Witneſs for the King, followed the Sheep upon Enquiry over the Water to the *Falcon*, and found it where the Priſoner was ſuppoſed to have tyed it; but the party that could prove the bringing of the Sheep thither by the Priſoner, did not appear in Court to give Evidence; and ſo he was found not Guilty.

Jacob Suttibey was Indicted of Burglary, for Breaking the House of *Thomas Roffey* in the Night, and ſtealing thence 40 *s.* in Money: *Suttibey* the day before this Burglary was committed, was delivered out of the *Marſhalſea*, where he had lain ſome time. *Roffey* proved his Houſe Broke open that Night, and 2 *l.* to be ſtolen from him; his Man found an old Knife behind the Counter, and then going down into the Cellar, he found the Cellar door open; other Witneſſes proved the Knife to be the Priſoners, and that they had ſeen him cutting his Victuals with it the day before the Houſe was Broken: Another Witneſs likewiſe proved him to be in an Alley near *Suttibey*'s Houſe, about Twelve a Clock that Night: But becauſe it might poſſibly happen that *Suttibey* might have loſt his Knife, and another have found it, which might commit the Burglary, the Priſoner was Acquitted.

Elizabeth Waterman was Indicted for the Murther of *Mary Waterman* her Daughter, upon the 9*th.* of *May* laſt: It appeared that the Priſoner lay with her Daughter, and had been ſometimes of unſound Memory, and all in the Houſe had endeavoured to hide from her every thing whereby ſhe might do her ſelf Miſchief; but another Daughter being below Stairs, and hearing ſome unuſual Noiſe above, ran up and found the Child *Mary Waterman* lying on the Ground with its Throat Cut, and the Priſoner preparing to do the like Execution upon her own Throat, which ſhe prevented by ſnatching the Razor which ſhe had got out of her Hands: And it appearing that the ſaid *Elizabeth Waterman* had been before frequently Diſtracted, ſhe was Acquitted of the Murther.

William Saunders was Indicted for ſtealing one Cabinet, value 2 *s* and two pair of Worſted Stockings, and 3 *l.* 15 *s.* in Money, from one *Samuel Hurlock*, the 28*th.* of *April* laſt. The Priſoner when taken confeſſed the Fact, and told the Proſecutor where he had put his Cabinet and Stockings, and there they were found, as the Priſoner had ſaid, and thereupon the Priſoner was found guilty of Felony.

Alice Parker and *Mary Crooke* were both Indicted for Breaking the Houſe of one *Mabell Coatman* in the day time, the ſaid *Mabell* being in the Houſe, and ſtealing thence a ſilver Tankard, value 5 *l.* and one ſilver Spoon, value 5 *s.* one piece of Angel Gold, and a ſilver Chain on the 17*th.* of *July* laſt. Upon the Evidence it appeared that two Women and two Men came into *Coatman*'s Houſe and called for Drink, and after they had ſtayed there ſome time, they paid their Reckoning and departed, and in a little time after, the Goods were miſſed, and no body elſe was obſerved to come into the Houſe between the miſſing of the Goods and their Drinking there: The two Priſoners were Sworn to be the two Women that were in the Houſe, and the Men were never found: But no Goods being found upon the Priſoners, and becauſe ſome body elſe might poſſibly come into the Houſe unobſerved, the Priſoners were Acquitted.

Mary Adds, *Matthew Wright*, and *Daniel Barret*, were Indicted for ſtealing Goods to the value of 3 *l.* 19 *s.* 6*d.* from *William Biſton*; but the Evidence amounting but to a bare Suſpicion, and the Goods nor any of them being found about the Priſoners, they were brought in not Guilty.

Black Peter a Negroe, was Indicted for the abominable ſin of Buggery committed with a Mare the 7*th.* day of *June* laſt: Upon the Evidence it appeared that the Priſoner was ſeen with the Mare in an unſeemly manner; but the Witneſſes being at a conſiderable diſtance from the place where the Mare ſtood, could not prove enough to amount to an Evidence that could Convict the party, and therefore the Jury found him not Guilty.

Thomas Webb was Indicted for ſtealing one Cock, value 2 *s.* and five tame Pidgeons, value 2 *s.* from one *Peter Harwood*, on the 11*th.* day of *June* laſt paſt; he was taken by the Watch with the Fowls about him, and that being given in upon Evidence, he was Convicted of Felony to the value of 10 *d.*

William Burroughs was twice Indicted; the the Firſt was for Breaking the Houſe of one *Nathaniel Collins*, no Perſon being there, and ſtealing Goods, to the value of 1 *l.* 15 *s.* and 30 *s.* in Money. The Second Indictment was for Breaking the Houſe of one *Mary Loyd* in the Night, on the 4*th.* of *March* laſt, and ſtealing Goods to a conſiderable value, and 90 *l.* in Money. There was but little Evidence given to prove the firſt Indictment, and the party was Acquitted thereof. But as to the ſecond Indictment, a Gentlewoman that was then in the Houſe, proved that the Priſoner was in the Houſe, and particularly in her Chamber, and that he was there for above an hours ſpace; that ſhe ſaw and obſerved his Face, being without any Maſk; that he held her Hands whileſt another Bound her, and then Kiſſed her: She being frequently asked whether ſhe were ſure that was the Perſon, ſhe ſtill perſiſted that ſhe knew him. There were

were several other Witneſſes bound to give Evidence, but they appeared not upon their Recognizance; and upon the Evidence, the Priſoner was found Guilty.

William Ball was Indicted of Felony, for ſtealing Goods to the value of 13 *s.* from one *Thomas Gaeſt*, the 15th. of *July* laſt. Some of the Goods were found in his Breeches, and not being able to prove how he came by them, was found Guilty of Petty-Larceny.

John Francis, for Felony, in ſtealing five Buſhels of Oats of the value of 7 *s.* and 6 *d.* and one Buſhel of Tares, from one *William Hughes*. It appeared upon the Evidence, that a Horſe was tracked without a Shoe from *Hughes* his Houſe to *Francis*; and Oats were ſprinkled by the way, and more found in *Francis*'s Houſe; but no being able to Swear poſitively that they were *Hughes* his Oats, he was Acquitted.

The ſame *Francis* was a ſecond time Indicted for ſtealing ſeven Ducks and eight Chickens, the 30th. of *Auguſt*, the Third of this King. The ſame number of Fowls were found in a Wood by a Shepherd, and taken away by him. And after the Priſoner was obſerved to come to the place where the Fowls had been found. But there being no further Evidence, he was Acquitted.

John Noueridge, Indicted of the Murther of one *Andrew Reballow*, by throwing down and kicking him on the Head, Breaſt and Stomach. It appeared that they were firſt at a Play, called *Baiting the Bear*, and after fell out and fought at Fifty-cuffs, and *Reballow* gave ſeveral Falls to *Noueridge*; but the Party deceaſed lived not above a Fortnight after. And the Jury not believing him to die of an Injury gotten at that time Acquitted the Priſoner.

William Benſon, Indicted of Burglary the 24th. of *June*, for Breaking-open the Houſe of Mr. *Richard Hill*, in the Night, and ſtealing 32 *s.* and 6 *d.* *Hill* was not poſitive in his Evidence that his Houſe was Broke, becauſe poſſibly he might leave his Windows open. But the Priſoner being charged to confeſs when he was firſt taken, told where ſome of the Goods were, and they were found accordingly. And the Jury found him Guilty of ſtealing the Goods found upon his Confeſſion, and that they were of the value of 10 *d.*

The Tryals being over, the Court proceeded to give Judgment as follows.

3 Received Sentence of Death, *viz.*
James Hopewas,
Matthew Eldridg, and
William Burroughs.

2 were Burnt in the Hand, *viz.*
William Saunders, and
Owen Moriarty.

5 To be Whipped, *viz.*
Thomas Web,
Peter Heaſey,
John Worral,
William Benſon, and
William Ball.

Matthew Eldridge was after Judgment Reprieved by the Court for Tranſportation.

7 Pardoned to be Tranſported, *viz.*
William Sedgewick,
Henry Potenger,
William Jones,
John Powel,
Francis Low,
Ann Spencer, and
Thomas Johnſon.

The Proceedings at *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in the County of *Suſſex*, on *Thurſday* and *Friday*, being the 2*d.* and 3*d.* of *Auguſt*, 1688.

AT the *Aſſizes* held at *Eaſt-Grinſtead*, in *Suſſex*, on *Thurſday* and *Friday*, being the 2*d.* and 3*d.* of *Auguſt*, 1688. the Commiſſion was read before Sir *Thomas Street*, Knt. and the Jury was Sworn, which were,

Edward Head,	*William Storer*,
John Rown,	*William Smith*,
Jaſper Wheeler,	*Robert Corniſh*.
Robert Maynard,	*Thomas Feſſop*,
Thomas Pelling,	*Jeremiah Pain*,
Abraham Higget,	*John Chapman*.

The Tryals of the Priſoners were as follows.

Lydia Stocker was Indicted for that ſhe on the 20*th.* day of *February* laſt did Kill and Murther her Male Baſtard Child. Upon the Evidence it appeared that Milk was found in the Priſoners Breaſt: Thoſe that ſaw it, charged her with having had a Child; ſhe confeſſed that ſhe had had one, but that it was born dead, and ſhe threw it into a Well; but the Child was found before any ſuch Confeſſion made; ſo the Woman not being able to Prove that the Child was born dead, according to the Statute of King *James* I. ſhe was found Guilty.

Philip Clark, Indicted of Felony, for Breaking the Houſe of one *Thomas Lomas*, in the Day-time, on the 11*th.* day of *July* laſt, and ſtealing a Serge Waſtcoat of the value of 2 *s.* one Cloth Coat of the value of 6 *s.* one pair of Leather Breeches of the value of 10 *s.* two Handkerchiefs of the value of 6 *d* and one pair of Gloves of the value of 6 *d.* from one *Thomas Howicke*. The Proſecutor gave Evidence, That he found ſome of the Goods about the Priſoner, and he was found Guilty of the Felony only to the value of 4 *s.*

The Tryals being over, the Court proceeded to give Juſtice as follows.

Lydia Stocker had Judgment of Death, but was Reprieved after by the Court.

1 Burnt in the Hand, viz.
Philip Clark.

Mary Knight attainted of Felony for ſtealing a Gelding, was Pardon'd abſolutely.

Charles Bitrow and *Wiliam Caſtleden* attainted of ſeveral Felonies, now Pleaded his Majeſty's moſt Gracious Pardon, under condition of Tranſportation.

The Proceedings at *Rocheſter*, in the County of *Kent*, on *Monday*, *Tueſday* and *Wedneſday*, being the 6*th.* 7*th.* and 8*th.* of *Auguſt*, 1688.

AT the *Aſſizes* held at *Rocheſter*, in *Kent*, on *Monday*, *Tueſday* and *Wedneſday*, being the 6*th.* 7*th.* and 8*th.* of *Auguſt*, 1688. the Commiſſion was read before Sir *Richard Allibon*, Kn. and the Jury were Sworn, which were,

William Morphew,	*James Nott*,
Robert Goddard,	*Samuel Firmin*,
Thomas Shores,	*William Harvey*,
Abel Pennell,	*John Street*,
Henry Tilby,	*James Andrews*,
James Mead,	*Daniel Creſwell*.

The Tryals of the Priſoners were as follow.

Elizabeth Naſh was Indicted for the Murther of her Female Baſtard Child, the 19th. day of March laſt paſt. It appeared by Mrs. *Codd*, the chief Evidence, with whom the Priſoner had ſome acquaintance formerly, that the night before the Child was found, the Priſoner came to the Houſe where Mrs. *Codd* dwelt, in the Night, and having knockt at the door, ſhe ſaid ſhe came from *London*, and was bit by a Dog, and deſired ſome Drink, and Wood to light a Fire, with which when Mrs. *Codd* had ſupply'd her, ſhe went to Bed, ; but perceiving that the Priſoner had gone into ſome place where ſhe was not directed, Mrs. *Codd* roſe again, and then the Priſoner asked her where the Houſe-of-Office was; and being ſhewn, ſhe went thither, and the next morning a Female Child was found. But there being no other Evidence to prove that it was the Priſoners Child, or that ſhe did Murther it; and Mrs. *Codd* alledging that the Child was not full grown, the Priſoner was Acquitted.

Edward Stedwell was Indicted for Stealing a pair of Sheets of the value of 50 *s.* the 8th. of *February*, the Third of this King. The only Witneſs was Daughter-in-Law to the Priſoner, and ſhe miſſing the Sheets, went to an Ale-houſe where ſhe thought to find her Father,, and there did demand the Sheets; which her Father as readily denied to give her, but did not deny his having them, but alledged that they were his Wives. So the Jury preſuming that the Priſoner took them as his own, without any Felonious Intent, found him Not Guilty.

Richard Pulley Indicted of a Burglary in the Houſe of Mr. *Robert Goulet*, the 17th. day of *May* laſt paſt, and ſtealing one Gown value 5 *s.* one Petticoat value 3 *s.* five Yards of Kirſey, value 5 *s.* ſeven Yards of Linſey-woolſey, value 7 *s.* and two pair of Breeches, value 2 *s.* The Evidence againſt the Priſoner proved that his Houſe was Broke, and that he loſt the Goods afore-mentioned, and preſently he ſent Hue and Cry, and thereby

thereby the Prisoner was taken with the Goods about him. He made no defence, but that he found the Goods upon the Road, neither could he bring any Witness to prove his Reputation, and therefore was found Guilty of the Felony, and Acquitted of the Breaking the House.

Abraham Rodeon, alias *Rodon* was Indicted of the Murther of one *John Hornet*, the 28*th*. day of *April* last. The Prisoner and the Party slain were left together in a Room by one *John Delnal* a Frenchman, about Ten a Clock that Night, and before Eleven, *Murther* was heard to be cried out by the next Neighbours; but all things being still again, and the door shut, the Neighbours took no notice of it; but the next morning the deceased was found with his Throat Cut, and and several Wounds in his Breast, lying over a Threshold of an Inner-door. The Prisoner confessed the Fact, before his Tryal to several, and appeared to be under a great remorse of Conscience, a bloody Knife was found upon the Seat where the Prisoner was used to work (being by Trade a Shoemaker;) he had likewise confessed the taking of fifteen Shillings in Money, and some Farthings, out of the Deceased's Pocket, and told where he had hid it, and it was found accordingly, in the Tiles of the Chamber where the Prisoner lay before he was taken, being asked what he could say for himself, he in Court Confessed the whole Matter, and that he did it with the Knife there produced; and being ask'd why he did so Barbarous an Act, he answered, That he had left God, and God had therefore left him: He was under great Apprehension of Hanging in Chains, and therefore made it his chief request to be Buried after Execution; which the Court did not deny, and he was found Guilty.

James Philips was Indicted for the Murther of one *William Beckton*, the 18*th* day of *April* last past, by stabbing him with a Sword a little above his Navil. The Prisoner and the Deceased fell out, and went out of the House where they had been together, and being followed by some that would have prevented the mischief, they both drew at a Corner, so that it was not known who made the first Pass. The Prisoner Disarmed the Deceased, and after gave him his Sword again; but the heat not being over, they fought again at Fifty-cuffs for some time, and afterwards drew their Swords again, and the Deceased was kill'd upon the spot. All which matter appearing upon the Evidence, the Prisoner was found Guilty of Manslaughter.

William Tongue was Indicted for stealing a Bay Gelding of five Pound price, from one *William Randolph*, Esq; The Gelding was put out to Grass, and being missed for four days, Hue and Cry was sent after him with his Marks. The Horse was found at the Post-house in *Canterbury*, and the Constable left this Charge, That when any one came to take the Horse, that he might be sent for; and the Prisoner coming, was accordingly seized, and alledged that it was his Master's Horse, and giving a good Account of himself, and that his Master had one very like him, which he might mistake, the Prisoner was found Not Guilty.

Patrick Key was Indicted of the Murther of one *John Smith*, with his Sword, the 18*th*. day of *April last*. The Prisoner and Deceased were Drinking together, and the Deceased by threatning, forced the Prisoner to go out into the Field. And one *Vine* another Soldier, would have parted them, but the Deceased told *Vine*, That if he would not stand clear, but interpose in this matter, he would run him through (having then his Sword drawn) and so *Vine* withdrew for a little space, and the Deceased made his Pass at the Prisoner, who then guarded the Blow, and gave the Deceased presently at the next pass, his Mortal Wound, which the Deceased perceiving, darted his Sword at the Prisoner, and cried out that he was Mortally wounded, and bid the Prisoner shift for himself. Upon this Evidence, the Prisoner was Acquitted of the Murther, and found Guilty of Killing the said *John Smith* in his own defence.

James Skiffe was Indicted for the Murther of one *Richard Hither*, the Fifth of *July* last past, by throwing him down upon a Sythe, which made a Wound half an Inch broad, and five Inches deep. Upon the Evidence it appeared, that they were at work, and were used to play together; the Prisoner thrust down the Deceased, and he fell upon the Sythe. It did not appear that there was any malice in the Prisoner, and so he was Acquitted, but confessed an Indictment for Killing the same Man by Misfortune.

William Stace was Indicted of Felony, for Breaking the House of one *Richard Frencham*, in the Day-time, the 28*th*. day of *June* last, no person being then in the house, and stealing Goods and Money to the value of Three and twenty Shillings, or thereabout. The Prisoner being very young, about Twelve years of Age, Confessed the Fact before the Justice of Peace, and that one *Underwood* was with him, who is fled, and stands Indicted for the same Fact. The Prisoner alledged in his Defence, that he was under

under a great Indiſpoſition for want of Sleep, and being under great Threats, he Confeſſed it, to procure his Eaſe at preſent, and ſo the Jury conſider'd the tender years of the Priſoner, and found him Not Guilty.

John Devereux was Indicted for throwing one *John Baker* into the *Thames*, with intent to drown him. It appeared that *Baker* was in a Lighter, and *Devereux* being in an Hoy, the Hoy fell foul upon the Lighter and ſplit it, ſo that *Baker* was forced to get into the Hoy, where being found by *Devereux*, he was ordered by him to be put into the Lighter again, which being ready to ſink, *Baker* was forced to commit himſelf to the Water, and had periſhed, had he not been taken up by a ſmall Boat that came by when he was in the utmoſt extremity. The Priſoner was Convicted, and ordered to Stand upon the Pillory, at *Eaſt-Greenwich*, and Fined Ten Pounds, and to lye in Priſon till he paid it.

The Tryals being over, the Court proceeded to give Judgment as follows.

1 Received Sentence of Death, *viz.*

Abraham Rodon, alias *Rodern*

2 Were Burnt in the Hand, *viz.*

Richard Pullen,
James Philips.

3 Pardoned Abſolutely *viz.*

Heſter Floyd,
John Merchant,
John Bakenham,

9 Pleaded his Majeſties Gracious Pardon for Tranſportation,

Henry Shorter,
Iſaac Badford,
alias *Bradford*,
Robert Welſh,
alias *Shipmarſh*,
John Baker,
Cornelius Hill,
Richard Pritchard,
Jonathan Davis,
Ricus Cole,
Henry Thompſon.

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